IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

PRESENT
THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE R.SUBHASH REDDY
WRIT PETITION NO : 21982 of 2006

Dated 23rd October, 2006

Between

A.Rajya Lakshmi

....Petitioner

and

The Child Development Project Officer, ICDS Project, Vissannapeta, Krishna District and ors.

....Respondents.

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE R.SUBHASH REDDY

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ORDER:

Though the Writ Petition is listed for admission, at the request of learned Counsel for the parties, the same is taken up for final disposal and is being disposed of by this order.

Heard the learned Counsel for both sides.

The petitioner was appointed as Anganwadi worker and she was terminated by the order impugned herein. She has questioned the said order of termination dated 29-9-2006 passed by the first respondent, mainly on the ground that though there is a complaint stated to have been made against her, but however, no enquiry was conducted into the said complaint and no notice was issued before

passing the impugned order, and, therefore, the impugned order is liable to be set aside.

Though statements of other persons are recorded, which are referred to in the impugned order, but a perusal of the impugned order discloses that no enquiry is conducted and no prior notice is issued before issuance of the impugned order. As much as the impugned order is passed based on certain allegations against the petitioner, the respondents ought to have conducted summary enquiry before passing the order of termination, the absence of which resulted in violation of the principles of natural justice. Therefore, on that short ground, without going into the merits of the case, the order dated 29-9-2006 issed in Memo No.160/JA/2006 passed by the first respondent is set aside. However, this order will not preclude the respondents in issuing notice, notifying allegations made against the petitioner and passing appropriate orders.

The Writ Petition is allowed to the extent indicated above. No order as to costs.

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JUSTICE R. SUBHASH REDDY

DATE: 23-10-2006
Note: CC in three days
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